

News and Gossip of Interest to the Boy Scouts of the District and Vicinity

SCOUTMASTER LAUDS BOY SCOUTS' SPIRIT

Points to Their Eagerness to Conform to Rules, and Even Do More Than Needed.

Some excellent advice to Boy Scouts is given by Scoutmaster C. N. Filkins of Troop 43, regarding the work in the troops. Of especial interest is the following communication, which points out the eagerness of boys to conform to all the rules and the manner in which they occasionally do more than is required. This is the right spirit, Scoutmaster Filkins thinks, but the boys should also be careful not to overdo in many matters.

"When a boy wants something, he gets busy," says Scoutmaster Filkins. "If he is busy, he is happy. If his energies are rightly directed, those about him are happy and the boy himself is improving."

Sometimes Waste Energy.

"This, in brief, is the plan of the Boy Scout movement. It makes a boy want to get in and to get ahead. And it makes the conditions of admission and advancement such that they are good for the boy and other people."

"Occasionally, of course, a boy wastes some energy. Last week one of the Washington scoutmasters received a visit from a boy just past his twelfth birthday, and thus just eligible for admission to his troop. The boy had owned a scout manual for a year, and apparently knew it by heart. In addition to his knowledge he was armed with a bundle of written recommendations that would do credit to an office-seeker."

Such Letters Unnecessary.

"He had secured letters from several of his friends, from his Sunday school teacher, two public school teachers, and the principal of the school, two physicians, two local druggists, and a police officer of his precinct."

"Letters of this sort are not necessary, as the only requirement for a tenderfoot is to know the Scout law, the Scout oath, the history of the American flag, and the customary forms of respect due it, and to be able to tie the four different knots. This boy, however, had the right spirit in being prepared to face the scoutmaster, and is now a full-fledged tenderfoot."

Boy Scout Letters.

To the Scout Editor: Eight scouts took part in a pleasant outing at Oak Bluff, on the Potomac, last week. They were Elton Taylor, Hayes Jack, Edward Duke, Gerald Duke, Joseph Goldstein, Kenneth Harries, Merrill Connor and Franklin Schneider. The camp is the same at which we camped Memorial Day and the following Saturday. We did a lot of things built fires, played games, and took a long walk up along the canal to the Chain Bridge and across that. The weather was hot and it was pleasant and cool sitting under the trees. We were just across the river from a Y. M. C. A. camp and could see them going about. They appeared to be very busy. One apparently had no means of making a signal in return. Very truly, SCRIER, Troop 43.

To the Scout Editor:

Troop 43 had a delightful outing recently when a number of members went up to Great Falls. Under the charge of Scoutmaster A. Gunnell, of St. Andrew's Church, we left Dupont Circle at 7 o'clock in the morning. One scout did not seem too early to commence an outing, went over to the eighth and M street, northwest on the car and then hiked up the road. We found a boat and went over to an island. We played games, took part in scout activities and had a fine time generally. We made fires and got our own dinner. One scout was enough to make a lot of fires. One scout made a fire very carefully with a single match, and the other scout took fire from that one by means of pine splinters.

Very truly, SCRIER, Troop 43.

To the Scout Editor:

Troop 43 has had a number of pleasant week-end outings and about a week ago camped out at Vireos, Va., about five miles beyond the Potomac. We had an outing of two days. All sorts of scout activities were carried out by the boys and we enjoyed the time very much. A few days ago, while on an outing, we assisted in finding two boys who had strayed from their uncle and become lost.

Yours truly, HORACE WOOD, Second Class Scout, Troop 43.

To the Scout Editor:

We are planning to make a fine showing for Troop 21 in the coming relay race to Chicago next week. First Class Scout Dan Egerton, Howard Derrick, and Lloyd Gosora; Second Class Scouts Kenneth Harries and Tenderfoot Scout Philip McKenney will represent the troop.

A visit is planned to the naval battalion tomorrow night for instruction. As we are to be special guests of the commander we are looking forward to a good time.

Our permanent camp in the woods near Takoma Park promises to be an attractive place. The boys propose to carry out all sorts of scout activities. A pleasant scheme is to entertain members of other Boy Scout troops who wish to visit us over the Fourth of July, or for any week-end. Those intending to be present, however, should notify the scout scribe in advance in order that he may make arrangements for their keep.

HOWARD DERRICK, Scout Scribe, Troop 21.

To the Scout Editor:

Members of Troop 19 are arranging to have a summer camp down the river somewhere about the first of July. Walter Cuzzins, scoutmaster, will have charge of the camp. The complete program has not been laid out but a number of pleasant features are promised and the boys are looking forward to the outing with a great deal of interest. Our most recent outing was a trip to Cabin John Bridge. We arrived there about noon Saturday and stayed until about 7 o'clock. The weather was fine. We went through all sorts of scout activities and played games, "hiked," and otherwise enjoyed ourselves until supper time. We then did our own cooking and prepared a good meal. Our troop is pretty small as yet, following the reorganization a few weeks ago, but we have a lot of good boys and expect to enlarge the membership after the summer vacation. Very truly yours, ALFRED RYAN, Troop 19.

Going to Chautauqua.

A boy scout demonstration is being arranged for July 25 at Washington Grove in connection with the Chautauqua meetings to be held there on that date. The exact program and the troops which will take part has not been selected.

Whip-Poor-Will Camp, North of Rock Creek Park. Troop 39 in Camp



Members of Troop 39 receiving new stand of colors at Takoma Park on Flag Day. Col. G. C. Kniffin presenting the colors. Patrol Leader Derrick receiving them.

ARMS NOT ALLOWED IN SCOUTS' CAMPS

Rule Prevents Accidents and Eliminates Possibility of Any Militarism in Order.

On account of what is regarded as a slight misunderstanding of regulations, the local council calls attention to the regulation prohibiting the use of firearms by Boy Scouts or anyone else in a Boy Scout camp. This regulation emanated from the National Council in New York, and is being strictly adhered to in all other councils. Mr. Martin, scout commissioner, said:

Scoutmasters have pointed out a number of instances where boys have attempted to bring firearms into camp and have been compelled to go back home or send them home before being permitted to enter the camp. This applies, Mr. Martin says, not only to the Boy Scout themselves, but also to the parents of the Scouts and means simply that the Scouts cannot have fire arms in their camps, who carry firearms.

The regulation was provided, it is declared, to prevent the recurrence of accidents which have occasionally marred Boy Scout life in camp, and also to eliminate "absolutely" any suggestion of militarism among the boys of the troop. Any boy, Mr. Martin says, who takes firearms to a Boy Scout camp is liable to dismissal from the organization.

BOYS HAVE CHANCE TO LEARN HYGIENE

Scouts to Be Admitted to Fourth International Congress in Buffalo.

Announcement is made of an opportunity for Boy Scouts to learn of hygiene at the coming Fourth International Congress of School Hygiene in Buffalo, August 25 to 30. It is said to be the first congress of the kind ever held in this country and all the leading nations, every State in the Union, every college and university of note in this country and various other leading educational, scientific, medical and hygienic institutions as well as various women's organizations will be represented.

The president of the congress will be Charles William Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University. The vice presidents are Dr. William H. Welch, the well known pathologist of Johns Hopkins University, formerly president of the American Medical Association, and Dr. Henry P. Walcott, president of the recent International Congress on Hygiene and Demography and chairman of the Massachusetts State Board of Health.

While it is not planned to have any actual demonstrations or contests in which Boy Scouts may take part, there are various lines of activity in which the boys may participate. It is said to be a great opportunity is presented for those scouts who may wish to notice the consideration given to the subject by eminent scientists.

To Hold Monthly Meetings.

Members of Troop 43 will hold monthly meetings during the summer in place of weekly meetings. This decision was reached at the regular meeting Friday night. Many of the boys will be away with their parents for the summer, while others will be at summer camps, and it was thought more profitable to hold only monthly meetings until September.

CAMP IS APPROVED BY SCOUT OFFICIAL

Sanitary Arrangements at Camp Archibald Butt Are Pronounced Adequate.

Camp Archibald Butt is to be "some camp," according to Field Secretary Frank C. Wood and Scoutmaster Hayes, who returned from a visit to the place last week. Especially fine are to be the sanitary arrangements of the camp. A space about 20 feet in diameter has been cleared on the high land back from the beach, and everything within that space is carefully protected against mosquitoes. If any mosquito ventures into the clearing he will be immediately "sanitized" and will depart forthwith. At least this is the statement of Secretary Wood, and he declares he has investigated and knows all the mosquitoes in the vicinity of the proposed camp. The place will be cool, and there is ample opportunity for all sorts of scout activity. The crew, which is to bore the artesian wells is expected to go to the camp within the next few days. This will provide plenty of pure water.

Arrangements have been made with the camp supplied every day with fresh meat, vegetables and milk. This is furnished by people living near by, so that all produce comes "right off the farm." Everything in the line of vegetables, fruits, and the like will be delivered daily. This provides a feature that has not been usual in summer camps heretofore.

The scoutmaster, a thirty-foot motor craft, has been thoroughly overhauled, repainted, engines taken apart and everything put into good condition. It is now receiving a thorough test of fitness by Secretary Wood. The name has been changed to the Boy Scout, a change regarded highly by the officials of the local council and by the boys.

Already five boys have filed applications for the first week. The second week's applications are being received, and three boys have filed applications for the entire summer. As it is still ten days to the opening of the camp, and the rush always comes just a few days before, the opening is regarded as excellent. Secretary Wood says he expects to have the entire camp in the camp taken up by the opening day, July 1.

Boy Scouts Asked To Aid Red Cross at Gettysburg Reunion

Officials of Washington Council of Boy Scouts have been asked to supply twenty-four boys to act as assistants to the Red Cross Society at Gettysburg during the celebration there of the fiftieth anniversary of the battle, July 1 to 4.

The only requisite is that the boys should be five feet tall. Those most familiar with Red Cross work are desired, but this is not a nebulous requisite. The council is asking for volunteers for this work.

It has been assigned to the scouts of Philadelphia, but these boys will not be able to do it, so that it is considered a high honor for the Washington boys to be selected at this late time.

BOYS HAVE MADE CONVENIENT TENT OF JULY 4 FESTIVAL

New Item of Scout World Has Proved Its Efficiency on Several Occasions.

By VERNON BAILEY, Scoutmaster.

A convenient tent for use in the open by the Boy Scouts has been designed by the boys of Troop 33, and has already proved its efficiency on many occasions. It can be made by any scout and requires no stitching at all. All that is required is five yards of good plaid sheeting, double width, that is six feet wide. It costs only 20 cents a yard, or \$1.50 for the whole length. Scouts should obtain the unbleached sort.

A 10-cent package of Diamond dyes, used according to directions, will permit the dyeing of the cloth to any desired color. A dark green or a sea brown makes the best color for general use. One pound of paraffin dissolved in one gallon of gasoline provides a proper staining solution and when the cloth has been thoroughly dipped in this and drained and dried, it is perfectly waterproof. The cloth should be dyed before it is sized. After this, the cloth should be thoroughly ironed.

Loops may be placed at the corners by using an ordinary long shoe string, passing it through a small hole near the corner of the cloth and tying it about the hole. The cloth may be turned back at the corner and caught by the string, and the tent may be pitched in a few minutes. The completed tent weighs about three and one-half pounds. As it will provide accommodations for four boys it may be assigned to one of the four, and other portions of the camp outfit carried by the other three. Six boys under the direction of Dr. Hudson. These boys will be chosen from Troop 1, at the Y. M. C. A.

MANY SCOUTS WILL GO TO FELD MEET

Local Council to Send Delegation of Boys to Demonstration at U. of Va. in July.

News from the Boy Scouts' demonstration and field meet to be held at the University of Virginia, July 3 to 5, indicate that there will be a large gathering of scouts there. The local council is planning to send a delegation of boys to take part in the scout activities. The demonstration will include a first aid test, diagnosis and treatment under careful guidance, tent pitching contest, team work and patrol drills, and will be entered by the boys here. It is expected, and with anticipation of winning a good share of the events, it is declared. The council here has announced their disposition to emphasize the strictly Boy Scout in their participation of a strictly athletic nature.

The rules of the contest require that all Boy Scouts who wish to enter the tent pitching contest should bring their camp outfit.

A trophy has been offered for the team winning the greatest number of points, and it is expected the Washington council will offer a handsome Grant point trophy for competition. "If we do this," Mr. Martin, scoutmaster, said in speaking of the affair, "I have little doubt the Washington boys will make every effort to bring back the trophy with them."

"It might occasion some chagrin to scout from other councils to have our boys win our own trophy, but it would certainly speak well for the ability of our boys."

Scout Examinations On.

Examinations are now being given by Boy Scouts in connection with the camp against street accents. These examinations are given by the scoutmasters of the different troops on the rules of safety drawn up by the local council. Boy Scouts of America. The boys who pass satisfactorily are awarded the "American Safety Museum" button.

SCOUTS TO BE PART OF JULY 4 FESTIVAL

Troop 43 Will Assist Petworth Citizens' Association in Celebration at Libby Park.

Plans for having Boy Scouts take part in the Fourth of July exercises made by a number of communities about the city have been announced from scout headquarters here. Details of the activities were explained at the regular scoutmasters meeting last Wednesday night.

It is planned to have the boys take part in the Fourth of July exercises in their own communities as far as possible. Members of Troop 33, Nelson A. Car, scoutmaster, will assist the Petworth Citizens' Association in the exercises at Libby Park. The Boy Scouts will give a demonstration of their abilities in the line of scout activities, and in carrying out the details of the regular celebration.

Troop 33, Nelson A. Car, scoutmaster, will assist in the celebration on the Mall. The exact location of members of this troop has not been determined. The boys will also give a demonstration of scoutcraft. Troop 44, of Bethesda, Md., will give a demonstration of scoutcraft in the city and will give a demonstration of Boy Scout activities. Troop 16, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, will assist in the celebration at the Ingram Memorial Church, and will also give a demonstration of scoutcraft in a local don to be assigned. Members of Troop 3, William I. Simpson, scoutmaster, and members of Troop 21, Takoma Park, will also assist in the Fourth of July celebration. The latter troop will assist the citizens of Takoma Park. Six boys will be assigned to the bathing beach under the direction of Dr. Hudson. These boys will be chosen from Troop 1, at the Y. M. C. A.

Boy Scouts Will Help At Gettysburg Fetes

Boy Scouts will have an important part in the Gettysburg celebration July 1 and 2. Deputy Commissioner J. Woodbridge Patterson, of Philadelphia, who has charge of the scouts there, is in the city arranging for the work of the boys at the historic battlefield.

There will be 300 boys. Many of them are sons of veterans, and as such are entitled to go on the field in that capacity. They will act as aides, ushers, and "scouts." The boys will meet the incoming veterans, assist them in handling their baggage, direct them to their tents, and stay with them, if necessary, to assist in any way possible.

Every boy who attends will receive a medal similar to that given the veterans. The boys will be taken to Gettysburg under the auspices of the War Department, and will be cared for by them.

Want Place in Camp For Unfortunate Boy

Indications of the high opinion in which Boy Scouts are held are contained in a letter received by E. S. Martin, scout commissioner here from Ernest Thompson Seton from New York. The letter was sent to Mr. Seton by a woman, a teacher in the West Virginia schools for the deaf and blind, at Romney, W. Va.

The letter asks if it will not be possible for the National Boy Scout Council to provide a place for a boy at the summer camp, where he could earn his board and at the same time receive instruction in Boy Scout work. The writer explains that she and her husband are unable to provide for their limited means to give the boy what they consider proper instruction in lines relating to boy life, and feel sure the Boy Scouts' system of instruction would be just the thing for him. The boy is twelve years old.

Mr. Martin declared today that the local council would probably take some action in the matter following investigation of the matter.

Assistant Secretary Is Well Equipped

The new assistant field secretary, Dr. W. H. Leonard, who went on duty at Boy Scout headquarters this week, is well equipped for his work, and has already shown that he is an important addition to the staff of the council. Dr. Leonard has received good training in athletics, adding to his physical work. His presence is especially pleasing to Boy Scout officials at this time, as Field Secretary Wood is likely to be absent most of the summer at Camp Archibald Butt, the summer camp of the Boy Scouts below Chesapeake Beach.

SCOUTS IN RELAY GET FINAL ORDERS

Route for Relay Run From Capital to Chicago Laid Out by Directors.

Final instructions for the Boy Scouts who are to take part in the big relay race from Washington to Chicago have been issued and from now until Tuesday morning every boy will be occupied with committing these to memory and getting himself into condition for the event.

After assembly Tuesday morning at Boy Scout headquarters in the District building at 3:15, the boys will go to the White House, where the start will be made at 9:30. The message will be delivered by the President to Fred Reed, one of the highest rank scouts in the District. The route has been selected as follows:

From north porch of White House, north to Jackson place, bearing left into Connecticut avenue. The way lies along Connecticut avenue to Farrington square. Right into Seventeenth Street and north to street and again right into Connecticut avenue. At Dupont circle, bear right halfway around circle, and at the end of the lane, meet trolley line and turn right over the railroad bridge.

Through Bethesda.

Proceed through Bethesda to blacksmith shop at fork of road, turn to the left, follow trolley and proceed along road after trolley turns off to the right, to the trolley tracks again, then follow trolley line to court house, on the left. At Rockville, on arrival at the "corners," turn right on Washington street, leaving trolley, and follow the poles on the rough side of the road. The route then passes through Gaithersburg, Md., to Clarksville, then to Hyattsville and to Frederick, a distance of not more than forty-five miles, at 6 o'clock at the latest.

A feature of the run will be the careful supervision of the runners. A telegram will be sent to the Chicago management of the athletic carnival when the first boy leaves the White House and on the start of every boy on his arrival at the next station, so that the exact position of the message every few minutes will be known exactly to the managers of the big carnival.

In Automobiles.

The boys will be assigned places in automobiles according to numbers. The first boy, Fred Reed, will be No. 1. The other boys, numbered from 2 up, will then be taken in machines and carried to the point at which they are to start. Assignments will be made at headquarters.

The boys will then proceed to the White House, where a moving picture will be taken. Every boy is requested to remember what machine he belongs to and to always re-enter it if he is compelled to get out for any reason. This is done to prevent confusion and to carry out of all details.

Boys numbered 2 to 40 will proceed at once by electric cars to Rockville. At this place they will be met by three automobiles and carried to the place at which they are to start on the relay race and to always re-enter it if he is compelled to get out for any reason. This is done to prevent confusion and to carry out of all details.

Local Boys Named.

The complete list of boys who will take part in the Washington end of the relay run from Washington to Chicago next week has not yet been made up. The boys who have been examined up to today, however, follow:

Norman Kaleski, Clarence Kerstein, Lallier Tappanier, William Knealy, Albert Kerstein, Harry Friedenberg, William Lynch, Gerald Swan, Albert Almand, Joseph Goldstein, Kenneth Harries, Raymond Hurdle, Isaac Rogers, Arthur Bau, Emory Naylor, Edward Duke, George Kraft, Raymond Burr, Hamilton Dougherty, John Petrie, Noble Luganuel, Arlie Browning, Edward Greifeld, Dillon Roberts, Donald Chisolm, Otto Spies, Philip McKenney, Kenneth Harries, John Kline, Charles Neff, John Maber, Frank White, Lloyd Gosora, Harry Bieber, Edwin Speakman, James Eggleston, Fred Reed, Howard Derrick, Richard Shaw, Lawrence Prentiss, Dorlan Etienne, Albert Fisher, Nalle Bowling, Roger Luganuel, Arlie Browning, Edward King, Norris Gaddess, Dwight Perry, Harry Campbell, Orville Walsh, Hayes Jack, Arnel Carpenter, William Lee, Benjamin Brozman, Clarence Shrop, Chester Guy, and Earl Anderson, Edward Conroy.

Program For Start Of Scout Relay Run

All boys who are to take part in the relay run meet at room 2, District building, Scout headquarters, at 8:15.

Trip to the White House will be made at 9 o'clock. Picture will be taken and everything prepared for the start.

The start will be promptly at 9:30 o'clock, from the north porch of the White House.

Among the officials of the Boy Scouts who are expected to be present are President Colin H. Livingston, of the National Council, M. Y.; Ernest Thompson Seton, chief scout; J. Woodbridge Patterson, deputy scout commissioner of the Philadelphia Council; John B. Webb, chief scout executive of the National Council. Invitations have been extended to the Cabinet officers to be present, and it is expected Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo and a number of others will be present. The entire Illinois delegation, including Senators Lewis and Sherman, and the Congressmen will probably be present.

Local arrangements for the relay are in charge of Congressman Fred A. Britten.

Troop 47 in Camp Near Chain Bridge

Members of Troop Forty-seven, Armand A. Gunnell, Scoutmaster, are camping near the Chain Bridge on the Virginia side of the Potomac. Nearly twenty enthusiastic Boy Scouts are taking part in the outing and all sorts of scout activities are being carried out. The boys have complete camp equipment and do their own cooking and provide everything required in an ideal camp.

Plans are being made for a three days "hike" to Leesburg by members of this troop. The boys will start under "heavy" marching orders. That is, with tents, complete supplies for the trip and everything required to make things comfortable during the trip.

Special attention will be paid to plant life birds. A camera will be an important part of the equipment and the boys declare they will have plenty of souvenirs to show on their return. A complete list of the boys who will go on the "hike" has not yet been made.



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